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THREE NAMES FOR CITY PHYSICIAN

Will Be Presented To Joint Boards Tonight

It Is Believed That Caucus State Will Go Through For Other Positions.

LOWER BOARD WILL BE BUSY

Contest for the position of city physician may add considerable zest to the special joint session of the general council tonight which might otherwise be a "cut and dried" affair. Mayor Yeiser has called the boards to meet for the purpose of electing several officers, preceding the regular session of the board of councilmen.

A caucus of part of the membership decided on Dr. Harry Williamson as the nominee for city physician, but Dr. W. J. Bass, the incumbent, and Dr. J. S. Troutman are in the race, and claim that several members decline to stand by the caucus.

For the other offices it is believed Frank Brown will be retained as wharfmaster; George Lehnard as license inspector; A. C. Bundesman as sewer inspector, and Lycurgus Rice as stock policeman. The latter office is made permanent in an ordinance, enacted by both boards but not yet signed by the mayor.

Charles Bell probably will supplant Frank Smedley as market master; and Frank Dunn will succeed R. H. McGuire as weigh master.

The Lower Board. It is possible that the license ordinance may come before the lower board of the general council at the meeting tonight. The finance committee's report allowing claims and the balance of apportionments in certain departments, and recommending the negotiation of a loan to make up the deficits will be received. Several other matters, including the ordinance divorcing saloons and grocery stores, and the fire limits ordinance are possibilities for first passage. The board will endeavor to clear up all old business at this session, as only one more remains before the council expires by limitation.

H' BELIEF IN MIRACLES

Essential to Belief in Christianity, Says Dr. Wright.

The Rev. David Cady Wright, of Grace Episcopal church, delivered a strong sermon Sunday morning on the question "Is Belief in Miracles Necessary to Belief in Christianity?" From the reply of Christ to the visiting disciples of John the Baptist, "Go, tell what things ye have seen and heard: how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached," he proved by logical deduction that Christianity is itself, a miracle.

UNDERLYING TRUTHS

Presented by Dr. Bolling at First Presbyterian.

No services were held yesterday at all at the Broadway Methodist church, owing to the water in the cellar preventing the use of the furnace. Dr. W. T. Bolling, pastor of Broadway, was invited by Dr. W. E. Cave of the First Presbyterian church, to fill his pulpit at the evening hour.

Dr. Bolling's sermon was a forcible presentation of the great underlying truths of church unity in Christ, and not, uniformity.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

First Christian Has Not Decided on Calling Pastor.

The Rev. J. W. Hudspeeth, of Hopkinsville, preached yesterday morning at the First Christian church. Mr. Hudspeeth is the evangelist of this denomination for west Kentucky and has been supplying this pulpit for several Sundays. A business meeting was held yesterday morning after church to discuss the calling of a preacher, but no decisive action was taken.

New Trial Refused.

An order overruling the motion for a new trial has been entered in the federal court by Federal Judge W. L. Evans, of Louisville, in the case of Minnie Tice against Patrolman Aaron Hurley. Hurley was sued for \$10,000 for the alleged shooting of John Tice last Christmas at Eleventh street and Broadway when Tice defied the police and shot Patrolman James Clark who went into the I. C. flag station to arrest him. The woman may appeal the case.

STATE MAKERS FACE A DEFICIT

Oklahoma Convention Is Threatened With \$150,000 Shortage.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 17.—An estimated deficiency of \$150,000 faces the constitutional convention, Chas. H. Filson, disbursing officer of the convention, said last night that the controller of the currency had notified him to contract no debts beyond the \$100,000 appropriated in the enabling act for the convention and the election incident there to, and he already has refused to pay printing bills contracted without his knowledge. "When the money runs out," said he, "I will quit paying."

CAB DRIVER

PLACED ON THE RACK BY CHIEF OF POLICE COLLINS.

Is Determined to Sift Accusation Against Police to Bottom—A Denial.

Gus Nolan, a colored cab driver was before Police Judge Cross and the grand jury Saturday to answer interrogations as to the statement accredited to him that a policeman directed him to houses of ill fame on Eighth street. He swore positively that no policeman had ever given him any such directions both before Judge Cross and the grand jury, according to Chief Collins.

"I wanted to know just how much truth there was in the charge," said Chief Collins, "and I had Nolan brought before Judge Cross. He disclaims any knowledge of such statement. I had him go before the grand jury then."

"If any member of the police force was acting that way I wanted to find it out. I have had members of the 'frontier committee' here. I intend to sift the matter to the bottom and if any member of the police force did that I will have him punished. If no policeman is guilty I think the force deserves to be exonerated from the stigma."

Young Man Killed Himself.

Edward Smith, 20 years old, quarreled with his brother, Bedford Smith, at Princeton, and then shot and killed himself Saturday night, about 8 o'clock.

TOY PISTOL

PUT UNDER BAN SAY CHIEF OF POLICE.

Weapon of Small Boy Is Dangerous and Patrolmen Are Ordered to Stop Shooting.

"Toy pistols and loaded canes are under the ban," said Chief Collins today.

"The toy pistols the boys are using are dangerous and they can shoot loads as well as caps in them. Loaded canes are known to be dangerous as well as annoying, and I think we owe it to the citizens to protect them and the boys from injury. Every Christmas we have the irrepressible small boy and his big brother to contend with. The patrolmen have orders to capture every toy pistol they find and bring it to headquarters."

MILBURN'S FIRE.

Destroys Nearly All the Business Section.

Milburn, Graves county, Ky., suffered a fire Saturday which destroyed Turner's dry goods store, James Wilkerson, Payne and Redford's and W. Y. Johnson and Brent's grocery store, entailing a loss of \$50,000 with \$20,000 insurance. The fire originated in Perry's grocery. The town has 400 inhabitants. They were powerless to save the buildings. Only two stores remain in the town. The Odd Fellows hall was destroyed and Mrs. Hart's residence.

Extra Clerk in Postoffice.

To facilitate the handling of the increased business Ed Randle and Dick Foster, substitute carriers, are employed as extra clerks in the post office until the holidays are over.

There is only one kind of a newspaper circulation statement that is worth any consideration and that is the daily detailed statement. The Sun is the only Paducah paper printing such a statement.

YOUNG GIRL HOBO IS UNDER ARREST

Garbed Like a Boy in Company With Male Companions

Trio Came In From Louisville and Were Fined and Sent to Jail by Judge.

THE CHIEF WILL INVESTIGATE.

Francis McClain, a girl hobo of more than ordinary beauty, garbed in male attire, was arrested Sunday morning at 4 o'clock at Ripley's drug store by Patrolmen Ferguson and Clark. Her companions, Philip Rommel and John Gambins, were also taken into custody and the trio were fined \$5 and costs divided in the police court this morning. The three told straight stories and the girl gave as her reason for masquerading the fact that it would facilitate riding freight trains. She was en route to New Orleans, where she has a mother. She says she is 21, but looks like 16.

"We came in from Louisville Sunday morning and were arrested at Central City," Gambins testified. "The girl we found in Louisville and she wanted to go south. The brakeman on a freight train refused to take her unless she dressed as a man, and I gave her the extra pair of trousers I had. The coat I hustled for. She went into the caboose and rode, as I had a little money and staked it for her fare."

Arrested at Central City. At Central City we were forced to leave the train and a policeman arrested us. They told us to leave town at once, and sent the girl to Paducah, the city furnishing transportation. We rode the blinds of the passenger train the girl was on. I have been working in Louisville about the hotels and can give a straight account of myself. I was going south and would work if I could get a job."

Rommel's story was the same as Gambins'. "I have a mother in New Orleans and had been in Louisville some time," the girl stated. "I met the two boys when trying to get out of the city, and they kindly helped me work the brakeman, one furnishing money for my fare to Central City. I rode in the caboose. I had no purpose of donning the trousers and coat other than to facilitate riding on the freight train."

The girl wore high heel shoes of a stylish pattern. Her cap was extra large and her light hair tucked underneath it, only a few straggling locks being visible. It was worn set far back on the head. The girl is of excellent figure, about 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs about 118 pounds.

Chief Collins gazed intently at her as she walked out of the city court room with the string of prisoners consigned to the lockup. She tried to whisper to Gambins but did not get to say anything. She seemed self-possessed when being tried and from indications has been used to "roughing" it. When passing the crowd of loungers packed near the lockup door, she gazed straight ahead and seemed unconscious of attracting attention.

"There is something queer about this business," was Chief Collins' declaration when she disappeared in the lockup. He will investigate the case while the girl is serving her fine.

Patrolmen Clark and Ferguson were told that she was masquerading in male attire and were looking for her. The trio first applied at the Illinois Central hotel near the depot for lodging, but found none. At Eleventh and Caldwell streets they were looking for a boarding house when the patrolmen arrested them.

TEN TEACHERS

Given Scholarships in State Normal School.

S. J. Billington, county superintendent, has selected ten teachers who will be given free courses in the state normal school at Bowling Green. They will enter in February. The teachers selected are: Misses Lummie Luckett, Annie Knott and Lillie Knott, of the Woodville section; Misses Dora Koel and Ada Long, of the Ragland section; Miss Bertha Boaz, of the Shady Grove section, and Messrs. W. T. Lawrence, of Massac; Harry Gibson, of Oaks, R. L. Heath, of Melber, and Henry Yarbro, of Florence station.

Oldest Divorce.

Salina, Kan., Dec. 17.—Martha Hunt, who gave her age as 105 years, has applied for a divorce from her husband, aged ninety, on the ground of extreme cruelty. The woman was too weak to climb the stairs leading to the district court room and her affidavit was taken in a room on the ground floor of the court house.

HOPES ARE REVIVED. Paris, Dec. 17.—With the passing of a quiet day yesterday in the church dispute which has torn France, hopes now are entertained for general peace. A satisfactory solution of the church separation problem is near. The government has some new proposals to make before the chamber of deputies and fresh concessions are hoped for.

ASK FOR LIFE TERM. New York, Dec. 17.—Lawyers for Albert T. Patrick have given up the fight for a new trial for the murderer of Millionaire William Marsh Rice, and have signed a petition to Governor Higgins, begging him to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

CLASH IMMINENT IN DEPARTMENTS

Board of Public Works May Appoint Sewer Inspector

Claims Right to Name Heads of Departments Under Its Control in Future.

COUNCIL MAKES SAME CLAIM.

Without waiting to ascertain the attitude of the next general council, the board of public works, according to a rumor current today, will invite a clash with the legislative department over the right to appoint officers under its control.

These offices are the market master, wharf master and sewer inspector. The board had authority over all these positions, and claims the right to name their heads. The general council, which created the offices, has retained the right to fill them.

It is particularly in the office of sewer inspector the board of public works is interested, and it is said that in spite of the action of the general council in electing A. C. Bundesman to that position, tonight, the board of public works at its next session will make an appointment, and then put the question of authority to the test.

Nothing is known as to the probable action of the board in regard to the other two positions, but the conditions are the same in all three.

WITHDRAW REWARDS.

Cruelty and Fraud Practiced by Irresponsible Detectives.

Dayton, O., Dec. 17.—The \$2,000 reward offered for the apprehension of the murderer of Dona Gilman by the county commissioners was withdrawn today. The \$3,500 reward offered by employees of the National Cash Register company also will be withdrawn. The reason was that the large rewards brought a number of irresponsible detectives to the scene, in consequence of which much distortion of truth and cruelty resulted.

FURS RECOVERED.

Stolen From Vehicle and Hidden in Box Car.

Two handsome furs purchased by Charles Houston, of the county, were stolen Saturday afternoon from Houston's buggy in front of Harbour's store on North Third street and recovered in a box car near Eleventh street and Broadway a few hours later by Patrolman Emil Gourleux, who was searching the railroad yards for a fugitive.

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PICTURE OF TEAM IN BOOK OF RULES

Spalding Wants Record of High School Football

Gymnasium Will Be Acquired Through Efforts of Boys—Supt. Lieb Favors the Plan.

MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD

Because of its excellent record this season, the Paducah High school football team will be given special mention with photographs of the players in Spalding's National Football Guide. Athletics in the schools is firmly established, and ultimately there will be a gymnasium in the school.

This morning E. G. Payne, principal, of the High school, received a letter from publishers of Spalding's guide requesting a photograph of the football team, representing the High school, its record, and other interesting facts. All data will be immediately furnished.

Supt. Lieb is pleased and said: "An athletic department is an excellent factor to promote interest in work. We have boys who three years ago we thought would not be in school today who are going to graduate. Athletics interested them, made their deportment perfect, and decided them to graduate."

Talk of Gymnasium. Supt. Lieb thinks that within a few years a gymnasium will be a part of the school property and steps to build one are already on foot.

"One thousand dollars will build a neat little 'gym,' he said, "and with a continuation of the interest aroused in football this season we can make up this amount in a few seasons."

The proposed location of the gym is in the rear of the Washington building. It is thought the board will readily give the ground if money is secured.

Holiday Entertainments. There will be several entertainments this week in the schools to celebrate Christmas. Thursday morning Mr. Emmett Bagby will sing at the High school. Nearly all grades are preparing to give entertainments for Friday afternoon when the schools will close for the holidays.

Collection for the Poor. School children will not forget the poor. This morning pupils at the High school were asked to bring money they desire to give to the poor on Friday. Other schools will take up a collection.

Board Meeting Thursday. Thursday night the school board will meet in adjourned session to allow teachers' salaries. The building committee has under advisement a rearrangement of the third floor at the High school building. There will be about 60 additional pupils to handle after the first term in this department, and another recreation room is necessary. Several plans for cutting out cloak rooms are considered. The work will probably be done during the holidays.

NEW BANK BUILDING

Will Be Ten Stories High at Third and Broadway.

St. Louis architects have been instructed to proceed with plans heretofore mapped out for the ten-story steel structure to be built by the First National bank at Third street and Broadway, and the plans will be drawn as soon as a survey is made and the exact property space determined. It will take in the property now occupied by the First National bank and the Bougen shooting gallery. Work is expected to start in the spring. The building is to be ten stories with a spiral stairway and double elevators, and twelve office rooms will be on each floor. It will cost \$100,000.

AMERICAN METHODS

Undertaken by Emperor in Present Campaign.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—An attempt on the part of Kaiser William to introduce American electioneering methods into the present German campaign has been checked temporarily by his advisers. Whether the emperor will be restrained from indulging his propensity to do something sensational until the fight is over remains to be seen.

Two Years in Sing Sing. New York, Dec. 17.—George Burnham, Jr., vice-president and general counsel for the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company convicted last week of grand larceny in the first degree was sentenced today to two years in Sing Sing.

OHIO STATE GEOLOGIST RESIGN

Professor Edward Orton Quits and J. A. Bownocker Takes Place.

Columbus, O., Dec. 17.—Professor Edward Orton tendered his resignation as state geologist to Governor Harris today. He is known all over the country. It was accepted at once and John A. Bownocker, professor of geology in the Ohio State University, appointed to the unexpired term, ending April 22, 1907. Professor Orton resigns because his work lies largely now in the field of ceramics, and in building up this department in the state university all his time and energies are demanded.

BOX RENT

REDUCED SLIGHTLY IN LOCAL POST OFFICE.

Effort Being Made By Government to Make Price Uniform—No More Days of Grace.

An order reducing the aggregate quarterly rentals of boxes at the local postoffice \$11.25 has been received by Postmaster Frank M. Fisher. It will be effective January 1. In some instances the box rental is increased, but a majority of them are reduced.

The order is the result of an effort to make the rental of boxes uniform. The total receipts of the post office are taken as a basis. Paducah shows average quarterly receipts of \$60,000, which throws it in the class of from \$40,000 to \$100,000. Rentals will be as follows:

One hundred and fifty-three small boxes which have been renting at \$1 will be 75 cents; 54 medium boxes will be \$1, the present price; 27 drawers, the largest size, will be increased from \$1 to \$2. The total number rented now is 231. Hereafter boxes must be paid for the first day of the quarter.

Wreckers Ditch Passenger.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—A fatal wreck, the second in two days, occurred on the Texas Pacific near here last night. A fireman was killed and three others injured. Alleged wreckers threw a switch and a passenger train plunged from the track. None of the passengers was injured.

MARRIAGE MART

BUSY SCENE WITH CUPID ACROSS THE RIVER.

Squire Liggett Marries Five Couples Sunday—Four Pairs Came From Benton.

Trade was brisk across the river yesterday and Squire Liggett, of Metropolis, was busy dispensing his blessing and signing marriage contracts. Five couples were united by him. They were Elsie Gibson, of Woodville, and Lizzie Morehead, of Ragland; Henry L. Bottom and Nellie M. Poe, Cyrus Rose and Viola York, Rupert Briggs and Minnie Sanders, and Otto Baker and Eddie Long, of Benton. They were accompanied by Elmer Golden and John Murray. They went down on the Cowling.

DEMONSTRATION

Made by Anti-Clericals Before French Embassy.

Rome, Dec. 17.—Thousands of demonstrators, friendly to France, and of anti-Vatican tendencies, gathered last night in the piazza adjoining the Farnese palace the seat of the French embassy, in an endeavor to express their pleasure at France's action toward the church. The whole garrison of Rome was employed to face the demonstrators and protect the Vatican which is surrounded by cavalry and the bridges leading to the Palace Farnese are protected by soldiers with fixed bayonets. The demonstration, led by a dozen radical Socialists and Republican members of the chamber of deputies.

Dr. Purdy Recovers.

Dr. A. K. Purdy, of Kuttawa, who was shot several months ago in the head by Marshal William McCullom, of that city, was in Paducah Saturday fully recovered from the wound.

WEATHER.—Partly cloudy and decidedly colder tonight and Tuesday, probably preceded by rain in east portion this afternoon and tonight. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 33 and the lowest today was 32.

PANAMA MESSAGE SUBMITTED TODAY

President Recommends Single Head To Commission

Sees Everything About as It Should Be on Isthmus and Gets Back at Critics.

LITTLE ESCAPES HIS EYES.

Washington, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt submitted his special message on the Panama canal to congress today. The message in part is as follows:

The Message. To the Senate and House of Representatives: In the month of November I visited the Isthmus of Panama, going over Canal Zone with considerable care; and also visited the cities of Panama and Colon, which are not in the Zone or under the United States flag, but as to which the United States government, thru its agents, exercises control for certain sanitary purposes.

I chose the month of November for my visit partly because it is the rainiest month of the year, the month in which the work goes forward at the greatest disadvantage, and one of the two months which the medical department of the French Canal company found most unhealthy.

Immediately after anchoring on the afternoon of Wednesday there was a violent storm of wind and rain. From that time we did not again see the sun until Saturday morning, the rain continuing almost steadily, but varying from a fine drizzle to a torrential downpour. During that time in fifteen minutes at Cristobal 1.95 inches of rain fell; from 1 to 3 a. m., November 16, 3.2 inches fell; for the 24 hours ending noon, November 16, 4.68 inches fell, and for the six days ending noon, November 16, 10.24 inches fell. The Chagres rose in flood to a greater height than it had attained during the last fifteen years, tearing out the track in one place. It would have been impossible to see the work going on under more unfavorable weather conditions. On Saturday, November 17, the sun shone now and then for a few minutes, although the day was generally overcast and there were heavy showers at intervals.

On Thursday morning we landed at about half past seven and went slowly over the line of the Panama railway, ending with an expedition in a tug at the Pacific entrance of the canal out to the islands where the dredging for the canal will cease. We took our dinner at one of the eating houses furnished by the commission for the use of the government employees—no warning of our coming being given. I inspected the Ancon hospital, going thru various wards both for white patients and for colored patients. I inspected portions of the constabulary (Zone police), examining the men individually. I also examined certain of the schools and saw the school children, both white and colored, speaking with certain of the teachers. In the afternoon of this day I was formally received in Panama by President Amador, who, together with the government and all the people of Panama, treated me with the most considerate courtesy, for which I hereby extend my most earnest thanks. I drove thru the streets of Panama for the purpose of observing what had been done. We slept at the Hotel Tivoli, at Ancon, which is on a hill directly outside of the city of Panama, but in the Zone.

On Friday morning we left the hotel at 7 o'clock and spent the entire day going thru the Culebra cut—the spot in which most work will have to be done in any event. I visited many of the different villages, inspecting thoroughly many different buildings—the local receiving hospitals, the houses in which the unmarried white workmen live, those in which the unmarried colored workmen live; also the quarters of the white married employees and of the married colored employees; as well as the commissary stores, the bath houses, the water-closets, the cook sheds for the colored laborers, and the government canteens, or hotels, at which most of the white employees take their meals. I went thru the machine shops. During the day I talked with scores of different men—

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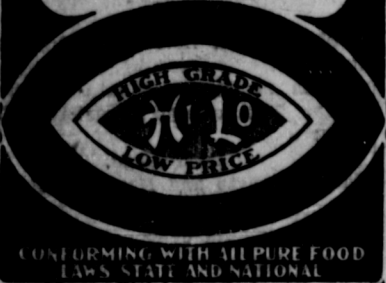
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PANAMA MESSAGE SUBMITTED TODAY

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perintendents and heads of departments, divisions, and bureaus; steam shovel men, machinists, conductors, engineers, clerks, wives of the American employees, health officers, colored laborers, colored attendants, and managers of the commissary stores where food is sold to the colored laborers; wives of the colored employees who are married. In the evening I had an interview with the British consul, Mr. Mallet, a gentleman who for many years has well and honorably represented the British government on the Isthmus of Panama and who has a peculiar relation to our work because the bulk of the colored laborers come from the British West Indies. I also saw the French consul, Mr. Gey, a gentleman of equally long service and honorable record. I saw the lieutenants, the chief executive and administrative officers, under the engineering and sanitary departments. I also saw and had long talks with two deputations—one of machinists and one representing the railway men of the dirt trains—listening to what they had to say as to the rate of pay and various other matters and going over, as much in detail as possible, all the different questions they brought up. As to some matters I was able to meet their wishes; as to others, I felt that what they requested could not be done consistently with my duty to the United States government as a whole; as to yet others I reserved judgment.

At the outset I wish to pay a tribute to the amount of work done by the French Canal company under very difficult circumstances. Many of the buildings they put up were excellent and are still in use, though, naturally, the houses are now getting out of repair and are being used as dwellings only until other houses can be built, and much of the work they did in the Culebra cut, and some of the work they did in digging has been of direct and real benefit. This country has never made a better investment than the \$40,000,000 which it paid to the French company for work and betterments, including especially the Panama railroad.

An inspection on the ground at the height of the rainy season served to convince me of the wisdom of congress in refusing to adopt either a high-level or a sea-level canal. There seems to be a universal agreement among all people competent to judge that the Panama route, the one actually chosen, is much superior to both the Nicaragua and Darien routes.

Preliminary Work.

The wisdom of the canal management has been shown in nothing more clearly than in the way in which the foundations of the work have been laid. To have yielded to the natural impatience of ill-informed outsiders and begun all kinds of experiments in work prior to a thorough sanitation of the Isthmus, and to a fairly satisfactory working out of the problem of getting and keeping a sufficient labor supply, would have been disastrous. The various preliminary measures had to be taken first; and these could not be taken so as to allow us to begin the real work of construction prior to January 1 of the present year. It then became necessary to have the type of the canal decided, and the only delay has been the necessary delay until the 29th day of June, the date when the congress definitely and wisely settled that we should have an 85-foot level canal. Immediately after that the work began in hard earnest and has been continued with increasing vigor ever since; and it will continue so to progress in the future. When the contracts are let the conditions will be such as to insure a constantly increasing amount of performance.

Successful Sanitation.

The first great problem to be solved, upon the solution of which the success of the rest of the work depended, was the problem of sanitation. This was from the outset under the direction of Dr. W. C. Gorgas, who is to be made a full member of the commission. It must be remembered that his work was not mere sanitation as the term is understood in our ordinary municipal work. Throughout the Zone and in the two cities of Panama and Colon, in addition to the sanitation work proper, he has had to do all the work that the Marine Hospital Service does as regards the nation, that the health

department officers do in the various states and cities, and that Colonel Waring did in New York when he cleaned its streets. The results have been astounding. The Isthmus had been a byword for deadly unhealthfulness. Now, after two years of our occupation the conditions as regards sickness and the death rate compare favorably with reasonably healthy localities in the United States.

Hospitals and Their Treatment.

I inspected the large hospitals at Ancon and Colon, which are excellent examples of what tropical hospitals should be. I also inspected the receiving hospitals in various settlements. I went thru a number of the wards in which the colored men are treated, a number of those in which the white men are treated—Americans and Spaniards. Both white men and black men are treated exactly alike, and their treatment is as good as that which could be obtained in our first-class hospitals at home.

Health Showing Remarkably Good.

Just at present the health showing on the Isthmus is remarkably good—so much better than in most sections of the United States that I do not believe that it can possibly continue at quite its present average. Thus, early in the present year a band of several hundred Spaniards were brought to the Isthmus as laborers, and additions to their number have been made from time to time; yet since their arrival in February last but one of those Spaniards thus brought over to work on the canal has died of disease, and he of typhoid fever. Two others were killed, one in a railroad accident, and one by a dynamite explosion.

Of the 6,000 white Americans, including some 1,200 women and children, not a single death has occurred in the past three months, whereas in an average city in the United States the number of deaths for a similar number of people in that time would have been about 30 from disease. This very remarkable showing can not of course permanently obtain, but it certainly goes to prove that if good care is taken the Isthmus is not an unhealthy place. In October, of the 19,000 negroes on the roll 86 died from disease; pneumonia being the most destructive disease, and malarial fever coming second.

Diminution of Mosquitoes.

In Panama and Colon the death rate has also been greatly reduced, this being directly due to the vigorous work of the special brigade of employees who have been inspecting houses where the stegomyia mosquito is to be found, and destroying its larvae and breeding places, and doing similar work in exterminating the malarial mosquito. In short, in performing all kinds of hygienic labor, a little over a year ago all kinds of mosquitoes, including the two fatal species, were found.

Corozal, some four miles from La Boca, was formerly one of the most unsanitary places on the Isthmus, probably the most unsanitary. There was a marsh with a pond in the middle. Doctor Gorgas had both the marsh and pond drained and the brush cleared off, so that now, when I went over the ground, it appeared like a smooth meadow intersected by drainage ditches. The breeding places and sheltering spots of the dangerous mosquitoes had been completely destroyed. The result is that Corozal for the last six months (like La Boca which formerly also had a very unsanitary record) shows one of the best sick rates in the Zone, having less than 1 per cent. a week admitted to the hospital.

Colon Water Supply.

It was not practicable, with the force at the commission's disposal, and in view of the need that the force should be used in the larger town of Panama, to begin this work before last winter. Water mains were then laid in the town and water was furnished to the people early in March from a temporary reservoir. This reservoir proved to be of insufficient capacity before the end of the dry season and the shortage was made up by hauling water over the Panama railroad, so that there was at all times an ample supply of the very best water. Since that time the new reservoir back of Mount Hope has been practically completed. I visited this reservoir. It is a lake over a mile long and half a mile broad. It now carries some 500,000,000 gallons of first-class water. I forward herewith a photograph of this lake, together with certain other photographs of what I saw while I was on the Isthmus. Nothing but a cataclysm will hereafter render it necessary in the dry season to haul water for the use of Colon and Cristobal.

One of the most amusing (as well as dishonest) attacks made upon the commission was in connection with this reservoir. The writer in question usually confined himself to vague general mendacity; but in this case he specifically stated that there was no water in the vicinity fit for a reservoir (I drank it, and it was excellent), and that this particular

reservoir would never hold water anyway. Accompanying this message, as I have said above, is a photograph of the reservoir as I myself saw it and as it has been in existence ever since the article in question was published. With typical American humor, the engineering corps still at work at the reservoir have christened a large boat which is now used on the reservoir by the name of the individual who thus denied the possibility of the reservoir's existence.

Colon Pavements.

I rode thru the streets of Colon, seeing them at the height of the rainy season, after two days of almost unexampled downpour, when they were at their very worst. Taken as a whole they were undoubtedly very bad; as bad as Pennsylvania avenue in Washington before Grant's administration. Front street is already in thoroughly satisfactory shape, however. Some of the side streets are also in good condition. In others the change in the streets is rapidly going on. Thru three-fourths of the town it is now possible to walk, even during the period of tremendous rain, in low shoes without wetting one's feet, owing to the rapidity with which the surface water is carried away in the ditches. In the remaining one-fourth of the streets the mud is very deep—about as deep as in the ordinary street of a low-lying prairie river town of the same size in the United States during early spring. All men to whom I spoke were a unit in saying that the conditions of the Colon streets were 100 per cent. better than a year ago.

Complaints Not Well Founded.

The result of the investigation of this honest complaint was typical of what occurred when I investigated most of the other honest complaints made to me. That is, where the complaints were not made wantonly or maliciously they almost always proved due to failure to appreciate the fact that time was necessary in the creation and completion of this Titanic work in a tropic wilderness. It is impossible to avoid some mistakes in building a giant canal thru jungle-covered mountains and swamps while at the same time sanitizing tropic cities and providing for the feeding and general care of from twenty to thirty thousand workers. The complaints brought to me, either of insufficient provision in caring for some of the laborers, or of failure to finish the pavements of Colon, or of failure to supply water, or of failure to build wooden sidewalks for the use of the laborers in the rainy season, on investigation proved, almost without exception, to be due merely to the utter inability of the commission to do everything at once.

For instance, it was imperative that Panama, which had the highest death rate and where the chance of a yellow fever epidemic was strongest, should be cared for first; yet most of the complaints as to the delay in taking care of Colon were due to the inability or unwillingness to appreciate this simple fact.

Unjust Criticism.

Care and forethought have been exercised by the commission, and nothing has reflected more credit upon them than their refusal either to go ahead too fast or to be deterred by the fear of criticism from not going ahead fast enough. It is curious to note the fact that many of the most severe critics of the commission criticize them for precisely opposite reasons, some complaining bitterly that the work is not in a more advanced condition, while the others complain that it has been rushed with such haste that there has been insufficient preparation for the hygiene and comfort of the employees. As a matter of fact neither criticism is just. It would have been impossible to go quicker than the commission has gone, for such quickness would have meant insufficient preparation. On the other hand, to refuse to do anything until every possible future contingency had been met would have caused wholly unwarranted delay. The right course to follow was exactly the course which has been followed. Every reasonable preparation was made in advance, the hygienic conditions in especial being made as nearly perfect as possible; while on the other hand there has been no timid refusal to push forward the work because of inability to anticipate every possible emergency, for, of course, many defects can only be shown by the working of the system in actual practice.

In addition to attending to the health of the employees, it is of course necessary to provide for policing the Zone. This is done by a police force which at present numbers over 200 men, under Captain Shanton. About one-fifth of the men are white and the others black. In different places I questioned some twenty or thirty

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GARFIELD'S CAREFUL REPORT

Washington, Dec. 17.—Just about once each season can the "common peepul" meet the president on common ground and "have fun" with him without fear of results. This is at the Gridiron club banquet, and the newspaper fraternity takes all advantage of the license. Official Washington still is laughing at the verse with which the president was baited at the dinner of the other evening. The song was set to the air of "He Walked Right In, Then Turned Around, and Walked Right Out Again" and the president's recent trip to Panama was its excuse. The chorus ran:

"He sailed right in, and turned around, then sailed right home again;

His trip across the isthmus strip took him just hours;

He asked his questions on the fly, and scarcely stopped to say good-bye.

He sailed right in, then turned around, and sailed right home again."

President Roosevelt laughed heartily at the song, and applauded it vigorously. He didn't seem nearly so pleased, however, when some member started the chorus of the song that caused so much amusement at the banquet last January and which, sung to the air of "Everybody Works but Father," ran:

Thimble-Bailie-Chandler:
By them our idol fell;
O, everybody lies but Roosevelt,
They do, like—O, well!"

The exchange of pleasantries between the president and former Ambassador Storer, in which the latter has been branded with the favorite epithet of "liar" from the white house, is too much in the public eye to render apparent the humor of such a verse. The presidential discomfiture however, was enjoyed by the inquisitors who had Mr. Roosevelt on the grill.

Waterways Bill Sure.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon, the tall and austere Vice-President Fairbanks, and Representative Burton, chairman of the house committee on rivers and harbors, have been frequent visitors at the white house in the last few days. President Roosevelt has lent the strong aid of his powerful personality to the cause of waterways improvement, as he promised he would do on the occasion of his reception last week to the delegates to the national rivers and harbors congress convention. As a result, the bill to be passed at the present session undoubtedly will be the largest ever put through, and will be commensurate with the importance of the work planned. It is hoped that some means will be found to insure a steady appropriation by the government in the future for waterways development. Naturally, no congress can pledge the action of its successor, but the necessity existing for sufficient funds to clean up the great amount of work mapped out by the government engineers is so great that some way may yet be discovered to insure progress. As the situation stands, politics virtually has commerce by the throat. The question of an auxiliary system of transportation has become of such vital importance that business interests all over the country are aroused. If the pressure now bearing on congress is



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Banks Win Fight.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 17.—The court of appeals, by equally divided court, affirmed the Clark circuit court in Hager, auditor, vs. Citizens' National bank, known as the bank tax cases. The effect of the decision is that the banks are exempt from the new law for the present year. They pay under the old law. The act did

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not become a law until June, and according to its provisions, the assessment is made in April of each year, hence the law was not in force the present year at the time it was sought to make assessment. No opinion was written.

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Daily Thought.

"Do what you conceive to be your

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THE PANAMA MESSAGE.

One of the most interesting public

documents published in a long time

is President Roosevelt's special mes-

sage to congress on the Panama canal,

which was received today. Wholly

optimistic, bathed in the glory of do-

ing, the president's words picture to

us graphically the "big ditch" as he

calls it. He even dissipates our ap-

prehension that we had been cheated

out of \$40,000,000 by the French

company. President Roosevelt says:

"The country never made a better in-

vestment." The trip was worth

while, just for that blessed assurance

to our national commercial pride. The

president saw everything from a run

by the Colon fire department, which

like everything else while he was

there broke the record, to the hard-

est rain the isthmus had experienced

within memory. He examined closely

all the flora and fauna indigenous to

Culebra cut, including the French

steam shovels and the stegomyia mos-

quitoes. It was a clever bit of sar-

casm, that reference to the condition

of Colon's streets—"very bad, as bad

as Pennsylvania avenue before Grant's

administration." Again—"mad is

very deep; about as deep as in the

ordinary street of a low lying prairie

river town of the same size in the

United States."

We were fearful lest the president

should give way to his pugnacious

mood and get back at some of the

canal critics, and our worst fears

were realized when, with reference

to the reservoir, which a well known

magazine writer said couldn't hold

water, and had no good water to hold

it if it could, the president spoke glee-

fully of enjoying a refreshing draught

(draft) from its depth, and reading

the name of the writer on the bows

of a boat moored to the bank of the

reservoir. This detracts from the

message more than we would like to

say. It was undignified for the pre-

sident to notice the yellow journalists.

The country has confidence in the

president and pride in the canal. We

do not expect ideal conditions to exist

here, where 25,000 men are digging

out of an immense trench in a

swampy, tropic country. Evidently

everything is being done that can be

done to make the best of conditions,

and we are satisfied. The presidential

message would have lost nothing in

flavor of style and been none the less

convincing, while it would have gain-

ed immeasurably in statesmanlike

dignity. If the allusions to the human

stegomyia of the press had been

omitted.

One recommendation of import-

ance is made and has been mentioned

before, the president is in favor of

reducing the directing force from

seven to one head, for the sake of

discipline and dispatch.

To be more specific as to what "af-

ternoon paper" published an exclusive

report of the "charges" that the meet-

ing of the "frontier committee" at

Trent and Trimble streets Friday

night brought out, we will add that

was the "afternoon paper," which

taken a distinct stand for moral-

ity in the present crisis. The other paper is correct, however, in the statement that "when the editor was called on for an explanation" he gladly placed at Chief Collins' disposal all the information in his office, since Chief Collins said he wished to investigate the story and learn what policeman, if any, had been so derelict in his duty. The Sun published an exclusive story on Saturday about Chief Collins instituting the investigation. So the readers of the other paper not only missed an interesting account of the adventures of "Frontier committeemen," but were twelve hours late in getting the news that Chief Collins had instituted an investigation. The Sun commends the alacrity with which Chief Collins acted in the matter and the pride he takes in the good name of his force, and is pleased as much as is Chief Collins by the fact that no proof to sustain the accusation was forthcoming. The Sun has no fight against the Paducah police, individually nor collectively. The Sun is a newspaper first, last and all the time and it published a report of the meeting of the "frontier committee" simply as news. That very day the men who told the story in the presence of The Sun reporter repeated it before the grand jury. That The Sun was the only paper that published the report of the meeting is due to the fact, that The Sun is the most aggressive news gathering institution in western Kentucky, and is the only paper that had a reporter at the meeting. Just a word in conclusion: It is extremely bad form when you get beat on a story to call attention to the fact by "roasting" individual members of the staff of your more energetic rival.

States Rights vs. National Integrity would not be misleading as the style of the controversy now on between the San Francisco school board and the national administration. We have entered into an agreement with Japan by which on our part we guaranty to the Japs every privilege accorded aliens from any country. Now the school board of San Francisco prohibits the children of Japan attending schools to which English and German children are welcome. The school trustees insist that the United States government cannot enter into treaty arrangements with any other nation which contravenes their right to run their own schools to suit themselves. The president insists that the federal government, having the treaty power, has the authority to make that treaty effective. It is a nice question: May a school board or a country justice of the peace abrogate a treaty and precipitate war between the United States and a foreign nation, or prevent the ratification of peace terms? The law promises to remain a brilliant profession with all the constitutional problems yet to be solved.

We have only one admonition for the board of tax book supervisors: To look to the property, not the owner. Do not let your preference for one person induce you to relieve him of a burden, which in that case must necessarily be borne by another. Do not let your prejudice induce you to impose on any particular class. Equalize the valuation as a basis, and do it intelligently. Last of all, remember when assessing property in the residence section not to undervalue one man's property because he lets the improvements run down, and over assess another's property because he takes pride in keeping it up. They might bring the same price on the market, and to so discriminate would be to put a premium on sloth and a penalty on thrift.

There is only one side to a question involving a purely moral issue, and that is the moral side. The mistake too often is made of descending from the strategic position on the moral issue to debate a matter of mere expediency.

IRISH HOME RULE.

The house of lords is now battling with the commons over the education bill. The peers have made it almost imperative that the Liberal government must either drop the education bill or resign. But this clash is only preliminary to the one that is imminent on the home rule issue. The latter may bring about grave constitutional changes. But not even the radicals predict that British sentiment will permit the abolition, at a single stroke, of the house of lords.

It is more probable that both chambers will come to an understanding that establishes the referendum as a British institution. In any event, the prospects of success for an Irish home rule measure were never better. The dial of human progress moves slowly, but it is gradually pointing to autonomy for the Irish people.—Chicago Journal.

Here's a Trial Divorce.

New York, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Corinne Rider Kelsey, the soprano concert singer, and her husband have separated for a "trial" divorce. They have parted with the mutual agreement that after a year of separation they are to compare notes, and if they that each would be happier away from the other, they will ask the courts for a legal separation. If they find that they were happier when living as man and wife, they will resume their married life.

Mrs. Kelsey was born in Rockford, Ill., and was a bookkeeper in a grocery store when she discovered she had a voice. Working to pay her own way, she went to Oberlin college. It was then that she met Mr. Kelsey, in 1895.

Frank Miller's Funeral.

The funeral of Frank J. Miller, the well known barber who died Saturday morning at Riverside hospital of consumption, was held at Guy Nance & Son's undertaking parlors this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Miller was 38 years old and was born in Hickman, Ky. He came to Paducah 16 years ago and was one of the best and most popular barbers in the city. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Josie Bryan, of Memphis, and Mrs. Clara Westmoreland, of Mayfield. They both attended the funeral.

Professor E. W. Bemis Develops Critical Case of Diphtheria.

Cleveland, Dec. 17.—Professor E. W. Bemis has an unusually severe case of diphtheria. He did not sleep at all last night, which may have been due in part to the large doses of anti-toxin than have been given him, the doctor says. No complications have been noted. The family is anxious only because of Professor Bemis' age and the severe type of his disease.

"He is still critically ill and I expect he will be so for a day or two," said his sister-in-law today.

Lloyd Bemis, the professor's 7-year-old son, from whom the father was infected by a kiss, is now nearly well.

President Declines Big Hunt.

Action Leads to Gossip as to Possible Extra Session.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Colonel William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), who is in Washington in the interest of irrigation in Wyoming, was one of President Roosevelt's callers today. The famous scout sought to interest the president in a "big hunt" in the Rockies next fall, holding forth alluring inducements of the sport in prospect. President Roosevelt, however, said he couldn't think of it, as he would have too many things on his hands at that time. That the president should so long in advance peremptorily decline a hunting trip in the normally dull off-year season, led gossipers to wonder if an extra session of the next congress is being pondered by the executive.

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PEOPLE SUFFERING

FOR WANT OF FUEL

Whole Northwest Feels Effect of Shortage

Blame Laid on Railroads Which Do Not Move Coal From Mines to Towns.

TEMPERATURE TAKES A DROP

COLD AND CLEAR.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 17.—The temperature took a sudden fall last night. It is 15 below zero this morning. The weather is bright and clear with no wind to drift snow. All trains are running.

Minneapolis, Dec. 17.—The northwest today faces the most serious fuel famine since 1903 when several deaths occurred and when scores of farmers abandoned their claims. The extreme hardships to be endured by thousands in the present famine have really just begun and still it is possible to avert it if the railroads will furnish motive power to move cars on the different roads. Unless relief is afforded before the end of the week one-half the northwest will be freezing.

Situation in Idaho.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 17.—For the second season in succession southern Idaho is suffering from a coal shortage which for the past six weeks has amounted to a fuel famine. Mine owners lay the blame on Oregon Short Line railroad, the only railroad in southern Idaho. While much distress is reported there is little actual suffering.

HIATUS

OF ONE DAY MAY OPERATE AS IMMUNITY BATH.

Standard Oil Attorneys Discover Apparent Loophole in New Rate Law.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—A provision bearing all the earmarks of a "joker" has been discovered in the new railroad rate law. It is being taken advantage of by the Standard Oil trust in the suit brought against it by the government in Chicago.

The section in question is No. 10, and reads: "That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed; but the amendments shall not affect cases now pending in courts of the United States. The rate law was passed on July 29. The department was not ready to put it into effect, and on the following day a joint resolution was passed providing that the act of the preceding day should not go into effect until Aug. 28.

It is now claimed by the oil trust that during this hiatus of one day the old Elkins law was repealed and that all the offenses committed under it that had not reached the stage of "cases now pending in courts" were wiped out.

If the "joker" is interpreted according to the contention of the counsel for the Standard Oil company, the indictments against the trust will be dismissed and the whole structure on which the government has built its case against other trusts and certain big railroads for violation of the Elkins act and the interstate act will topple to the ground. Unless the court places a liberal construction on the section it will operate as a monster immunity bath.

KISS INFECTION IS SERIOUS

Professor E. W. Bemis Develops Critical Case of Diphtheria.

Cleveland, Dec. 17.—Professor E. W. Bemis has an unusually severe case of diphtheria. He did not sleep at all last night, which may have been due in part to the large doses of anti-toxin than have been given him, the doctor says. No complications have been noted. The family is anxious only because of Professor Bemis' age and the severe type of his disease.

"He is still critically ill and I expect he will be so for a day or two," said his sister-in-law today.

Lloyd Bemis, the professor's 7-year-old son, from whom the father was infected by a kiss, is now nearly well.

President Declines Big Hunt.

Action Leads to Gossip as to Possible Extra Session.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Colonel William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), who is in Washington in the interest of irrigation in Wyoming, was one of President Roosevelt's callers today. The famous scout sought to interest the president in a "big hunt" in the Rockies next fall, holding forth alluring inducements of the sport in prospect. President Roosevelt, however, said he couldn't think of it, as he would have too many things on his hands at that time. That the president should so long in advance peremptorily decline a hunting trip in the normally dull off-year season, led gossipers to wonder if an extra session of the next congress is being pondered by the executive.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT.

Every dose makes you feel better. Last-Pos keeps you whole inside right. Sold on the money-back plan everywhere. Price 50 cents.

"Not a truth to art or science has been given, . . . But brows have ached for it, and souls toiled and striven. And many have striven, and many have failed, And many died, slain by the truth they assailed."

The Osteopathic science has been assailed as vigorously as ever any new truth that has been offered the world, but, today it is rapidly coming into its own, as the people become better acquainted with it—know it.

Osteopathy is an evolution of the science of treating disease. It went back to the first principles in nature for its foundation, and by taking a step backward it has made a great stride forward.

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LOCAL LINES.

—For Dr. Pendley ring 416.
—Dr. Gilbert, Osteopath, 400 1-2 Broadway. Phone 196.
—Mrs. Minnie Christian, of 430 North Fourth street, shot at a negro burglar Saturday night but the negro escaped. She heard him trying to get in through a window. The adjoining house is but a few feet from hers, and she shot down the narrow passage way from a window.
—When you order a rig from us you are talking to one of the proprietors or capable clerks (not a driver or hostler) who writes, files and fills the order at appointed time. Palmer Transfer Co.

—A raft of logs was attached Saturday by Baker-Eccles company, a Paducah wholesale firm in Justice C. W. Emery's court for a debt of \$65. The raft belongs to H. B. Moore, of Tennessee, and was drifted to Paducah Saturday. The firm learning of the raft's arrival instituted proceedings.

—The Sun office is prepared to furnish the very latest things in engraved or printed calling cards and invitations of any sort, and is making special prices now.

—Thursday is the day set by Sheriff John Ogilvie to take prisoners convicted during the December term of the McCracken circuit court to the Eddyville penitentiary. Eight were convicted.

—\$1.50 books for 50c, the most unequaled offer ever made, the Rose of Old St. Louis, Darrell of the Blessed Isle, The Man of the Hour, Dorothy South Her Mountain Lover, Cape Cod Folks, all go at this price, while they last at R. D. Clements & Co.

—Attorney C. C. Grassham has secured the attorneys license of the late Capt. J. W. Bush, of Smithland, which is one of the oldest in the state. It was issued August 12, 1857. He preserves it as a memento. Capt. Bush was his father-in-law.

—See the Christmas boxes of fancy stationery at The Sun office, priced 40c up.

—The Illinois Central wrecker went to Cobbs station, the second from Princeton, on the Nashville division Saturday, to replace three derailed freight cars. No damage was done.

—For best coal and bundled kindling, phone 203, Johnston-Denker Coal Co.
—Nominations of officers for the Red Men for the next year will be made at the regular meeting Friday night. The officers elected will be installed the last meeting night, in December.

—Order visiting cards for your friends for Christmas now, so as to be sure you will get them. Over 50 style; prices from \$1.50 up, at The Sun office.

—The Junior Guild of the Episcopal church will meet tomorrow afternoon at the parish house.

Standard Cigars in Small Xmas Boxes

We offer the well known

Chancellors,
Mercantiles,
La Sonias,
Principe de Gales,
Preferencias,
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And several popular 5 cent brands.

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DRUGGISTS
Fifth and Broadway. Both Phones 175
Night Bell at Side Door.

People and Pleasant Events

Marriage Announced for December 19
The approaching marriage of Mr. E. J. Green to Miss Florence Derrington, on December 19 at 10 a. m., at the home of the bride, is announced today.

Mr. Green was formerly bookkeeper for the Stutz Candy company, but is now connected with the Illinois Central. He is a popular young man.

Miss Derrington is the daughter of Mr. H. Derrington, of Florence station, and is a niece of Circuit Judge William Reed. She has often visited in Paducah and is popular and attractive. They will go to Nashville, Tenn., on their bridal trip.

Both young people have a host of friends in Paducah.

To Confer Crosses of Honor.

On January 19, which is the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, the Paducah chapter U. D. C. will confer crosses of the legion of honor on Messrs. George W. Brand, Saunders A. Fowler and Philo Alcott, who are the sons of Confederate veterans.

Informal Dance to Popular Visitor.

The young men will give an informal dance in the Columbia building this evening in honor of Miss Belle Lockett, of Henderson, Ky., who is the attractive guest of Miss Martha Davis.

Card Party to Mrs. Wolff.

Mrs. Helen Hecht, of 1619 West Broadway, is entertaining at cards this afternoon in compliment to her house guest, Mrs. Gertrude Wolff, of St. Louis.

To Entertain Christmas Week.

Miss Lucile Weil, of North Eighth street, will entertain the younger society girls on December 27.

Mr. Robert D. MacMillen returned this morning from St. Louis, where he accompanied his wife and son Saturday night to visit Mrs. MacMillen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Herman and daughter, Miss Edna, are visiting in St. Louis.

Mr. Brock Owen went to Carbonade mines this morning on business. Contractor F. W. Katterjohn went to Cedar Bluff this morning.

Mr. Mike Griffin went to Murray this morning after spending Sunday in Paducah with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. William James Glasgow, of Richmond, Va., will arrive in the city Saturday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Glasgow's sister, Mrs. A. J. Ford.

James Wheeler will arrive Friday from Alexandria, Va., where he is attending school to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Wheeler, of 504 Kentucky avenue.

Mrs. William M. Alexander, of Lexington, Miss., arrived Saturday night to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Boyd, of 1043 Trimble street. Mr. Alexander will come the last of the week for the holidays.

Master Linn Boyd is expected home Friday from Alexandria, Va., where he is at school, to visit his mother, Mrs. Lillie Rieke Boyd.

Miss Katie Jackson, daughter of Mr. J. S. Jackson, has been taken to Nashville and placed in a sanitarium for her health.

Mr. Virgil Snerrin, suffering from a broken limb, has been removed to his home from Riverside hospital.

Miss Joe Miller, who has been attending the St. Vincent college will arrive Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, of 416 South Sixth street.

Miss Belle Lockett, of Henderson, Ky., who has been the popular guest of Miss Martha Davis of 620 Kentucky avenue, will return home tomorrow.

Mr. F. M. Bush has returned to Smithland after visiting his sister, Mrs. C. C. Grassham.

Mr. Clifford Reddick, who is attending school in Georgetown, will spend the Christmas holidays in Winchester.

Mr. Joe Burkham, the Illinois Central engineer who was operated on for appendicitis at Riverside hospital three days ago, is improving.

Notice.

Owing to the death of Dr. J. R. Coleman the accounts due the firm of Drs. Taylor & Coleman must be settled as soon as possible. All parties owing the firm will please pay when bills are presented.

J. Q. TAYLOR.

Surviving partner of Drs. Taylor & Coleman.

Holiday designs in Christmas paper napkins for 10c a dozen at The Sun office. Suitable to wrap your Christmas gifts in.

The Prices Below Will Be Made Until Dec. 31, 1906

Gold Shell Crown, 22k.....\$3.50
Gold Fillings.....1.00
Silver Fillings......50
Plate Fillings......75

Bridge work and all grades of plate work guaranteed. Painless extraction of teeth.

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DENTIST
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TIME TO ACT.

Don't Wait for the Fatal Stages of Kidney Illness. Profit by Paducah People's Experiences.

Occasional attacks of backache, irregular urination, headaches and dizzy spells are common early symptoms of kidney disorders. It's an error to neglect these ills. The attacks may pass off for a time, but return with greater intensity. If there are symptoms of dropsy-puffy swellings below the eyes, bloating of the limbs or ankles, or any other part of the body, don't delay a minute. Begin taking Doan's Kidney Pills, and keep up the treatment until the kidneys are well, when your old-time health and vigor will return. Cures in Paducah prove the effectiveness of this great kidney remedy.

J. R. Womble, of 1005 South Fourth street, Paducah, says: "An attack of typhoid fever 20 years ago left me with weakened kidneys and I have had some pretty severe attacks of backache, some of them so bad that I have had to crawl around the house on my hands and knees. There was no rest either day or night despite the use of a vast quantity of medicine and more than one prescription. With very little expectation that I would get relief I tried Doan's Kidney Pills. One day's treatment convinced me that they were going to the spot and when I stopped their use the trouble disappeared."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

IN THE COURTS

Circuit Judge William Reed finally adjourned the December term of circuit court this morning when he sentenced two prisoners and entered a few judgments.

Albert Rogers for obtaining money by false pretenses, was sentenced to one year, and Florence Greer, colored, for robbery, was sentenced for four years.

Judgments Entered.

The following judgments were filed: Anna Tolvers against Edward Tolvers, for divorce; Maud Zook against Edward Zook, for divorce; Belle Frogge against Ike Frogge, for divorce. The suit of Perry against the N. C. & St. L. railroad was dismissed without prejudice.

Allen Foreman against Evie Foreman, for divorce.

Henry Arenz Indicted.

The grand jury indicted Henry J. Arenz, proprietor of the Paducah Commission company, Saturday when it made its final report, for running a "disorderly house." He was fined only the day before \$750 for running a "disorderly house."

Suits Filed.

Following are the suits filed today: Dr. C. H. Brothers against Charles M. Moccquot for \$218 alleged to be due for professional services.

City National bank against E. Rehkopf personally, \$750 note.

City National bank against Fred Roth and Phil Stephon, \$379, note.

City National bank against J. G. Rehkopf Buggy company, John G. and E. Rehkopf, \$500, note.

City National bank against The Rubber Grip Handle company, \$500 and \$1,000, notes.

City National bank against E. Rehkopf, \$500, note.

Winding up Circuit Court.

Circuit Judge Clem Gordon, of Madisonville, passed through Paducah today en route to Smithland. He was accompanied to Livingston county by W. A. Berry, who will today wind up Livingston circuit court. Judge Berry acted for him at the regular court while Judge Gordon held a special term at Madisonville.

Deeds Filed.

Thomas P. McElroy to J. D. McElroy, property in the county, \$500.
J. H. Newman to J. W. Newman, property in the county, \$2,100.

Calls Docket.

Magistrate C. W. Emery called his docket today, it being regular court day, but tried no cases.

Want New Trial.

In the case of John and Cora Bulger a motion for a new trial was made. They were fined \$50 and costs each for nuisance.

Police Court.

Frank Johnson and George Paschal colored, were granted a continuance this morning by Police Judge D. A. Cross on a breach of peace charge. They were suspected of being guilty of attempted criminal assault, but the woman's evidence did not bear this out. The two engaged in a fight and abused Mary Paschal. She swore out a warrant Sunday morning but Saturday night accused the two of a more serious charge which she did not substantiate when the warrant was issued. She claimed they tore her clothes off.

Other cases: Pete Caldwell, colored, disorderly conduct dismissed; Lige Watts, colored, drunkenness, \$1 and costs; Greathouse Cheatum, colored, for flourishing a gun at the wharf, \$75 and costs and 25 days in jail; Hugh Miller and wife recognized for their good behavior to

wards neighbors; Jim Gattler, drunkenness, \$1 and costs; Finan Patton, drunkenness, \$1 and costs.

SEES FRAUD IN CIVIL SERVICE.

Cincinnati Mayor Denounces Fire and Police Examinations of City.

Cincinnati, Dec. 17.—Mayor Dempsey today declared that "civil service as conducted in the fire and police departments of Cincinnati is a farce and a fraud." "If a man comes up with the proper recommendations," he added, "he gets on the list. If he has not these recommendations he has no chance. Ward bosses and politicians make the recommendations."

The mayor's remarks were made to a committee of leading business men, who called on him to urge that the merit system be extended to the water works department. The mayor said he would favor the plan, but declared that unless the commission was composed of honest men it would be a failure.

Five Cent Stamp Brings \$155.

New York, Dec. 17.—A five-cent stamp brought \$155 in a sale of the collection of Eugene Wilson, of Bardonia, Ky.

It is a Puerto Principe Cuba, five-cent orange brown stamp of the issue of December, 1898. In 1898 the supply of stamps at Puerto Principe was insufficient, the mayor of Puerto Principe had some old Spanish Cuban stamps surcharged 1, 2, 3 and 5 cents. This particular stamp is said to be the greatest rarity among all the United States colonial stamps. The stamp was bought for George H. Washington, of Cleveland, O., a well known philatelist.

Great Tunnel Complete.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 17.—The tunnel through Lookout mountain, driven by the Southern railway, is finished, the working parties having met. The work has lasted thirteen months and fifteen days—record time for this class of a job. The tunnel is 2,600 feet long and in the course penetrated a cave filled with beautiful stalactites.

Holiday designs in Christmas paper napkins for 10c a dozen at The Sun office. Suitable to wrap your Christmas gifts in.

Subscribe for the Sun.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Wheat—	Open	Close
May	78 3/4	78 3/4
July	77 3/4	77 3/4
Corn—		
May	43 3/4	43 3/4
July	43 3/4	43 3/4
Oats—		
May	35 3/4	36 1/4
Pork—		
May	16.30	16.30
Cotton—		
Jan.	9.30	9.37
Mar.	9.54	9.60
May	9.71	9.78

Christmas Suggestions



Reefers

One of the most useful and also practical Christmas gifts is a Reefer Muffler. In the elaborate holiday assortment which we are showing you will find an abundance of new patterns and color schemes, original conceptions to be found here exclusively.

50c to \$6

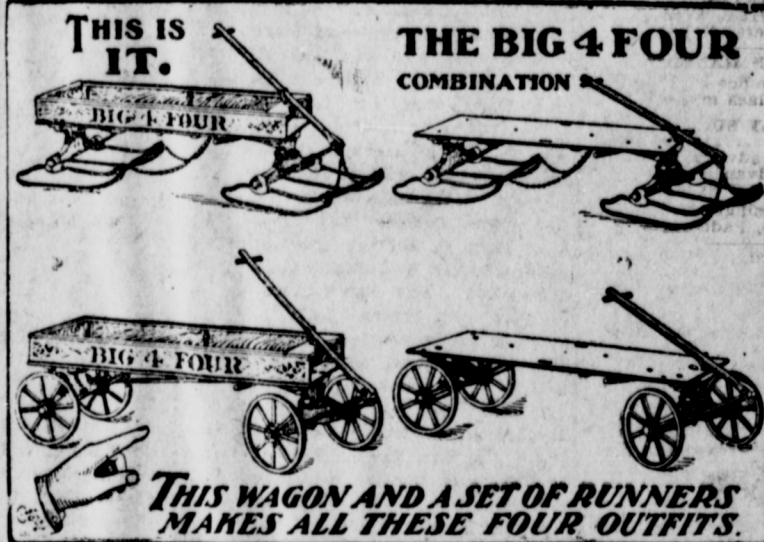
Knox, Silk and Opera Hats

A Silk or Opera Hat is also a useful present—a gift which will be especially appreciated by the man who dresses correct.

Silk Hats . . . \$6 00
Opera Hats . . \$7 50

Wallerstein's
MEN'S AND BOY'S OUTFITTERS
Established 1868

HART'S GOT 'EM



THIS WAGON AND A SET OF RUNNERS
MAKES ALL THESE FOUR OUTFITS.

Hart's Xmas Line

This year is complete in useful toys like the above and Doll Cabs, Cooking Stoves, Trunks, Chairs, Desks, Hobby Horses, Shoo Flies, Skates, Sleds, Toy Dishes, Sewing Machines, Tool Chests, Drums, Balls, Etc.

Grown-ups! Sewing and Card Tables, 5 o'clock Tea Kettles, Chafing Dishes, Plated Tea Sets, Carvers, Table Knives and Forks, Brass Cuspidors, And-Irons, Fancy Baskets, Etc.

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"Plant near a vineyard; reside near a town;" and place your want ad. where OTHER experienced want advertisers place theirs.

FOR RENT—Elegant flats, Seventh and Broadway. Apply to B. H. Scott.

FOR STOVE WOOD phone 1950 George Bundren.

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms, 915 Trimble.

COOK WANTED at once. Apply 320 Kentucky avenue.

FOR RENT—Furnished front room, 421 Clark.

FOR RENT—Five room cottage, with bath 1036 Madison street. Apply Dr. P. H. Stewart.

HICKORY WOOD—Phones, Old 442, New 598. Delivered promptly. E. E. Bell & Sons.

FOR RENT—One nicely furnished room, bath, toilet and all conveniences, 827 Jefferson.

GIRLS for bottling, also boys for packing. Paducah Distilleries Co., 128 South Third street.

WANTED—Position by competent stenographer. Five years' experience. Best of references. Old phone 2716.

LOST—Bull terrier pup, brindle with white collar. Notify 809 Kentucky avenue, telephone 1519-A.

FOR RENT—Cottage, 431 South Sixth street. Modern plumbing. Apply 438 South Sixth.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms over Steeth's drug store, Ninth and Broadway.

WANTED—To rent one large ungeneral house work in family of 3. Old phone 1484-R.

WANTED—To buy 100 feet of iron fence. G. W. Edwards, 117 South Third.

FOR ALL kinds of carpenter work apply O. M. Dodd, 1609 Harrison, old phone 830.

FOR RENT—Three room cottage on North Twelfth street. Apply F. M. Fisher.

FOR RENT—Furnished front room with bath. Apply at Oehlschlaeger's drug store.

FOR RENT—By the year, eight room residence, centrally located. Good repair. Apply 424 South Ninth.

WANTED—To learn trade, three young men to learn marble and stone cutting trade. Apply to J. E. Williamson & Co.

FOR SALE—One broad wagon as good as new, can be used for milk wagon; also second-hand surrey cheap. City Bakery, Frank Kirchoff.

HAND-PAINTED Pillow tops, decorated oilcloth for dresser dollies and opera bags by Mrs. H. H. Meyers. Displayed at Eley Dry Goods Co.

FOR RENT—Room with bath at 609 1-2 Broadway. Suitable for one or two gentlemen. Apply Walker's drug store, Fifth and Broadway.

FOR SALE—Three cheap farms on short notice; five miles from city. See Holt & Potter, 119 South Fourth street.

SEND your clothes to the Faultless Pressing club, 302 1/2 Broadway. Drake & Browder, proprietors. Both phones 1507.
J. E. MORGAN, blacksmith, 409 S. Third. Old phone 457. Superior work guaranteed. Exclusive agent for store stone side wire tires, the

Best rubber tires made.

WANTED—Gentlemen roomers, with or without board, in private family. All modern conveniences. Everything first-class. No children. Address G. care Sun.

CONTRACTOR WEIKEL—Masonry and concrete work a specialty. Office 126 South Fourth. Phone 490. Residence phone 1237. Prompt attention to all estimates.

WANTED—To rent one large unfurnished or furnished room with steam or furnace heat, with or without board, references exchanged. Address P. O. Box 53.

FOR SALE—Ten lots cheap on monthly payment to respectable colored people. McCracken Real Estate and Mortgage company. See L. D. Sanders, 318 South Sixth street, 765, old phone.

FOR RENT—A six room two story house on North Eighth street near Starks-Ullman Saddle company. Splendid place for a boarding house. Apply to Ben Welle, 409-411 Broadway.

LIST—A pocketbook containing one \$20 bill, three one dollar bills, one receipt from Harmling and one from Mr. Mayberry. Return to W. S. Bledson, care Sherrill-Russell Lumber company, Eleventh and Tennessee, and receive reward of \$5.00.

—The most complete line of fancy stationery for Christmas to be found in the city is at The Sun office at prices from 40c up.

WOLFF'S Jewelry Store Open Evenings Until Christmas

Winter Lap
Robes,
Horse Blankets,
Team Harness,
Buggy Harness,
Harness
Repaired,
washed and oiled
**Paducah
Saddlery Co.**
Fourth and Jefferson
Streets.

PANAMA MESSAGE SUBMITTED TODAY

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of these men, taking them at random. They were a fine set, physically and in discipline. With one exception all the white men I questioned had served in the American army, usually in the Philippines and belonged to the best type of American soldier. Without exception the black policemen whom I questioned had served either in the British army or in the Jamaica or Barbados police. They were evidently contented, and were doing their work well. Where possible the policemen are used to control people of their own color but in any emergency no hesitation is felt in using them indiscriminately.

Inasmuch as so many both of the white and colored employes have brought their families with them, schools have been established, the school service being under Mr. O'Connor. For the white pupils white American teachers are employed; for the colored pupils there are also some white American teachers, one Spanish teacher, and one colored American teacher, most of them being colored teachers from Jamaica, Barbados and St. Lucia. The school-rooms were good, and it was a pleasant thing to see the pride that the

teachers were taking in their work and their pupils. There seemed to me to be too many saloons in the Zone; but the new high license law which goes into effect on January 1 next will probably close four-fifths of them. Resolute and successful efforts are being made to minimize and control the sale of liquor.

Care of Employes.

Next in importance to the problem of sanitation, and indeed now of equal importance, is the problem of securing and caring for the mechanics, laborers, and other employes who actually do the work on the canal and the railroad. This great task has been under the control of Mr. Jackson Smith, and on the whole has been well done. At present there are some 6,000 white employes and some 19,000 colored employes on the Isthmus.

Nearly 5,000 of the white employes had come from the United States. No man can see these young, vigorous men energetically doing their duty without a thrill of pride in them as Americans. They represent on the average a high class. Doubtless to Congress the wages paid them will seem high, but as a matter of fact the only general complaint which I found had any real basis among the complaints made to me upon the Isthmus was that, owing to the peculiar surroundings, the cost of living, and the distance from home, the wages were really not as high as they should be.

The white Americans are employed, some of them in office work, but the majority in handling the great steam shovels, as engineers and conductors on the dirt trains, as machinists in the great repair shops, as carpenters and timekeepers, superintendents, and foremen of divisions and of gangs, and so on and so on. Many of them have brought down their wives and families; and the children when not in school are running about and behaving precisely as the American small boy and small girl behave at home.

The housewives purchase their supplies directly, or thru their husbands, from the commissary stores of the commission. All to whom I spoke agreed that the supplies were excellent, and all but two stated that there was no complaint to be made; these two complained that the prices were excessive as compared to the prices in the states. On investigation I did not feel that this complaint was well founded. The married men ate at home. The unmarried men sometimes ate at private boarding houses, or private messes, but more often, judging by the answers of those whom I questioned, at the government canteens or hotels where the meal costs 30 cents to each employe. This 30-cent meal struck me as being as good

a meal as we get in the United States at the ordinary hotel in which a 50-cent meal is provided. The 30-cent meal included soup, native beef (which was good), mashed potatoes, peas, beets, chili con carne, plum pudding, tea, coffee—each man having as much of each dish as he desired. On the table there was a bottle of liquid quinine tonic, which two-thirds of the guests, as I was informed, used every day. I was informed by some of those present that this hotel, and also the other similar hotels, were every Saturday night turned into club houses where the American officials, the school teachers and various employes, appeared, bringing their wives, there being singing and dancing. There was a piano in the room, which I was informed was used for the music on these occasions. My meal was excellent and two newspaper correspondents who had been on the Isthmus several days informed me that it was precisely like the meals they had been getting elsewhere at other government hotels.

Of the nineteen or twenty thousand day laborers employed on the canal, a few hundred are Spaniards. These do excellent work. Their foreman told me that they did twice as well as the West India laborers. They keep healthy and no difficulty is experienced with them in any way. Some Italian laborers are also employed in connection with the drilling. A steady effort is being made to secure Italians and especially to procure more Spaniards, because of the very satisfactory results that have come from their employment; and their numbers will be increased as far as possible.

Our business is to dig the canal as efficiently and as quickly as possible; provided always that nothing is done that is inhumane to any laborers, and nothing that interferes with the wages of or lowers the standard of living of our own workmen. Having in view this principle, I have arranged to try several thousand Chinese laborers. This is desirable both because we must try to find out what laborers are most efficient, and, furthermore, because we should not leave ourselves at the mercy of any one type of foreign labor. At present the great bulk of the unskilled labor on the Isthmus is done by West India negroes, chiefly from Jamaica, Barbados and the other English possessions. One of the governors of the lands in question has shown an unfriendly disposition to our work, and has thrown obstacles in the way of our getting the labor needed; and it is highly undesirable to give any outsiders the impression, however ill founded, that they are indispensable and can dictate terms to us.

Negro Laborers and Their Quarter.

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The West India laborers are fairly, but only fairly satisfactory. Some of the men do very well indeed; the better class, who are to be found as foremen, as skilled mechanics, as policemen, are good men; and many of the ordinary day laborers are also good. But thousands of those who are brought over under contract (at our expense) go off into the jungle to live, or loaf around Colon, or work so badly after the first three or four days as to cause a serious diminution of the amount of labor performed on Friday or Saturday of each week. I questioned many of these Jamaica laborers as to the conditions of their work and what, if any changes, they wished. I received many complaints from them, but as regards most of these complaints they themselves contradicted one another.

Negroes Do Their Own Cooking.

The negroes generally do their own cooking, the bachelors cooking in sheds provided by the government and using their own pots. In the different camps there was a wide variation in the character of these cooking sheds. In some, where the camps

were completed, the kitchen or cooking sheds, as well as the bath rooms and water-closets, were all in excellent trim, while there were board sidewalks leading from building to building. In other camps the kitchens or cook sheds had not been floored, and the sidewalks had not been put down, while in one camp the bath houses were not yet up. In each case, however, every effort was being made to hurry on the construction, and I do not believe that the delays had been greater than were inevitable in such work.

I had an interview with Mr. Malet, the British consul to find out if there was any just cause for complaint as to the treatment of the West India negroes. He informed me most emphatically that there was not, and authorized me to give this statement publicity.

Recreation and Amusement.

One of the greatest needs at present is to provide amusements both for the white men and the black. The Young Men's Christian Association is trying to do good work and should be in every way encouraged. But the government should do the main work. I have specifically called the attention of the commission to this matter, and something has been accomplished already.

Work on Canal.

Our people found on the Isthmus a certain amount of old French material and equipment which could be used. Some of it, in addition, could be sold as scrap iron. Some could be used for furnishing the foundation for filling in. For much no possible use could be devised that would not cost more than it would bring in.

Work of Construction.

The work is now going on with a vigor and efficiency pleasant to witness. The three big problems of the canal are the La Boca dams, the Gatun dam and the Culebra cut. The Culebra cut must be made, anyhow; but of course changes as to the dams, or at least as to the locks adjacent to the dams may still occur. The La Boca dams offer no particular problem, the bottom material being so good that there is a practical certainty, not merely as to what can be achieved, but as to the time of achievement. The Gatun dam offers the most serious problem which we have to solve; and yet the ablest men on the Isthmus believe that this problem is certain of solution along the lines proposed; altho, of course, it necessitates great toil, energy and in connection with the work. The risk arises from the fact that some of the material near the bottom is not so good as could be desired. If the huge earth dam—now contemplated—is thrown across from one foothill to the other we will have what is prac-

tically a low, broad, mountain ridge behind which will rise the inland lake. This artificial mountain will probably show less seepage, that is, will have greater restraining capacity than the average natural mountain range. The exact locality of the locks at this dam—as at the other dams—is now being determined. In April next Secretary Taft, with three of the ablest engineers of the country—Messrs. Noble, Stearns and Ripley—will visit the Isthmus, and the three engineers will make the final and conclusive examinations as to the exact site for each lock. Meanwhile the work is going ahead without a break.

The Culebra cut does not offer such great risks; that is, the damage liable to occur from occasional landslips will not represent what may be called major disasters. The work will merely call for intelligence, perseverance and executive capacity. It is, however, the work upon which most labor will have to be spent. The dams will be composed of the earth taken out of the cut and very possibly the building of the locks and dams will take even longer than the cutting in Culebra itself.

New Records for Excavation.

As soon as the type of canal was decided this work began in good earnest. The rainy season will shortly be over and then there will be an immense increase in the amount taken out; but even during the last three months, in the rainy season, steady progress is shown by the figures: In August, 242,000 cubic yards; in September, 291,000 cubic yards, and in October, 325,000 cubic yards. In October new records were established for the output of individual shovels as well as for the tonnage haul of individual locomotives. I hope to see the growth of a healthy spirit of emulation between the different shovel and locomotive crews, just such a spirit as has grown on our battle ships between the different gun crews in matters of marksmanship. Passing thru the cut the amount of new work can be seen at a glance. In one place the entire side of a hill had been taken out recently by 27 tons of dynamite, which were exploded at one blast. At another place I was given a presidential salute of 21 charges of dynamite. On the top notch of the Culebra cut the prism is now as wide as it will be; all told, the canal bed at this point has now been sunk about 200 feet below what it originally was. It will have to be sunk about 130 feet farther. Thruout the cut the drilling, blasting, shoveling and hauling are going on with constantly increasing energy, the huge shovels being pressed up, as if they were mountain howitzers, into the most unlikely looking places, where they eat their way into the hillsides.

Railway Improvements.

The most advanced methods, not only in construction, but in railroad management, have been applied in the Zone, with corresponding economies in time and cost. This has been shown in the handling of the tonnage from

ships into cars, and from cars into ships on the Panama railroad, where, thanks largely to the efficiency of General Manager Bied, the saving in time and cost, has been noteworthy. My examination tended to show that some of the departments had (doubtless necessarily) become overdeveloped, and could now be reduced or subordinated without impairment of efficiency and with a saving of cost. The chairman of the commission, Mr. Shonts, has all matters of this kind constantly in view, and is now reorganizing the government of the zone, so as to make the form of administration both more flexible and less expensive, subordinating everything into direct efficiency with a view to the work of the canal commission.

Critics and Doubting Thomases. It is not only as gigantic as this which has been undertaken on the Isthmus should arouse every species of hostility and criticism. The conditions are so new and so trying, and the work so vast, that it would be absolutely out of the question that mistakes should not be made. Checks will arise. Unforeseen difficulties will occur. From time to time seemingly well-settled plans will have to be changed. At present 25,000 men are engaged on the task. After a while the number will be doubled. In such a multitude it is inevitable that there should be here and there a scoundrel. Very many of the poorest

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THE REFUGEES

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"Is it your will, sire?"
"It is, and, ah, I can see by your eyes that it is yours also! We shall not lose a moment, Francois. What a blessed thought of mine, which will silence their tongues forever! When it is ready they may know, but not before."

The king was all on fire with the excitement of this new resolution. He had lost his air of doubt and discontent, and he paced swiftly about the room with a smiling face and shining eyes; then he touched a small gold bell, which summoned Bontems, his private body servant.

"What o'clock is it, Bontems?"
"It is nearly 6, sire."

"Hum!" The king considered for some moments.

"Do you know where Captain de Catinat is, Bontems?"

"He was in the grounds, sire, but I heard that he would ride back to Paris tonight."

"Does he ride alone?"
"He has one friend with him."

"Who is this friend—an officer of the guards?"

"No, sire; it is a stranger from over the seas—from America, as I understand—who has stayed with him of late."

"A stranger! So much the better. Go, Bontems, and bring them both to me."

"I trust that they have not started, sire. I will see." He hurried off and was back in ten minutes in the cabinet once more.

"Well?"
"I have been fortunate, sire. Their horses had been led out and their feet were in the stirrups when I reached them."

"Where are they, then?"
"They await your majesty's orders in the anteroom."

"Show them in, Bontems, and give admission to none, not even to the minister, until they have left me."

To De Catinat an audience with the monarch was a common incident of his duties, but it was with profound astonishment that he learned from Bontems that his friend and companion was included in the order.

It was with a feeling of curiosity, not unminged with awe, that Amos Green entered the private chamber of the greatest monarch in Christendom. As his eyes fell upon a quietly dressed, bright-eyed man, half a head shorter than himself, with a thin, dusky figure and an erect carriage, he could not help glancing round the room to see if there were indeed those endless officials who interposed themselves between him and the outer world.

The reverent salute of his companion, however, showed him that this must indeed be the king, so he bowed, and then drew himself erect with the simple dignity of a man who had been trained in nature's school.

"Good evening, Captain de Catinat," said the king, with a pleasant smile.

"We are safe from interruption," he panted. "I have hastened here, for every second may be invaluable. Have you heard anything from the king?"

"Nothing," she had sprung to her feet.

"The hour has come for action, Francois."

"What is it?"
"The king is about to marry Mme. de Mahtenon."

"The government! The widow Scarron! It is impossible!"

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The woman flung out her hands in a gesture of contempt and laughed loud and bitterly.

"You are easily frightened, brother," said she. "Ah, you do not know your little sister. Perchance if you were not my brother you might rate my powers more highly. One day is all I ask to bring him back."

"But you cannot have it. The marriage is tonight."

"You are mad, Charles."

"I am certain of it." In a few broken sentences he shot out all that he had seen and heard. She listened with a grim face and hands which closed ever tighter and tighter as he proceeded.

"I shall go and see him," she cried, sweeping toward the door.

"No, no, Francois. Believe me, you will ruin everything if you do. Strict orders have been given to the guard to admit no one to the king."

"Had I only a day, Charles, I am sure that I could bring him back to me. There has been some other influence here—that meddling Jesuit or the pompous Bossuet, perhaps. Only one day to counteract their wiles. Charles, it must be stopped; I say it must be stopped! I will give anything, everything, to prevent it!"

"What will you give, my sister?"
"She looked at him agast. 'What! You do not wish me to buy you?' she said."

"No, but I wish to buy others."

"Ha! You see a chance, then?"
"One, and one only. But time presses. I want money."

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"I cannot have too much—all that you can spare."

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"Your friend, as I understand, is a stranger to this country. I trust, sir, that you have found something here to interest and to amuse you."

"Yes, your majesty. I have seen your great city, and it is a wonderful one. And my friend has shown me this palace, with its woods and its grounds. When I go back to my own country I will have much to say of what I have seen in your beautiful land."

"You speak French, and yet you are not a Canadian."

The king looked with interest at the powerful figure, the bold features and the free bearing of the young foreigner, and his mind flashed back to the dangers which the Comte de Frontenac had foretold from these same colonies. His mind, however, ran at present on other things than statecraft, and he hastened to give De Catinat his orders for the night.

"You will ride into Paris on my service. Your friend can go with you. Two are safer than one when they bear a message of state. I wish you,

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"Yes, sire."

"Let none know your errand and see that none follow you. Go to the house of Archbishop Harlay, prelate of Paris, and bid him drive out hither and let us at the northwest side postern by midnight. Let nothing bold him back. Storm or flu, he must be here tonight. It is of the first importance. Adieu, captain. Adieu, monsieur."

CHAPTER X.

MME. DE MONTESPAN still kept her rooms, uneasy in mind at the king's disappearance, but unwilling to show her anxiety to the court by appearing among them or by making any inquiry as to what had occurred.

While she thus remained in ignorance of the sudden and complete collapse of her fortunes, she had one active and energetic agent who had lost no incident of what had occurred and who watched her interests with as much zeal as if they were his own.

And indeed they were his own, for her brother, M. de Villonne, had gained everything for which he yearned—money, lands and preferment—through his sister's notoriety.

By nature bold, unscrupulous and resourceful, he was not a man to lose the game without playing it out to the very end. Keenly alert to all that passed, he had from the time that he first heard the rumor of the king's intention haunted the antechamber and drawn his own conclusions from what he had seen.

Nothing had escaped him—the disconsolate faces of monsieur and of the dauphin, the visit of Pere la Chaise and Bossuet to the lady's room, her return, the triumph which shone in her eyes as she came away from the interview.

He had seen Bontems hurry off and summon the guardsman and his friend. He had heard them order their horses to be brought out in a couple of hours' time, and finally from a spy whom he employed among the servants he learned that an unwonted bustle was going forward in Mme. de Mahtenon's room.

That Mlle. Nanon was half wild with excitement and that two court milliners had been hastily summoned to madame's apartment. It was only, however, when he heard from the same servant that a chamber was to be prepared for the reception that night of the archbishop of Paris that he understood how urgent was the danger.

Mme. de Montespán had spent the evening stretched upon a sofa in the worst possible humor with every one around her. There was the sound of an opening door and of a quick step in her anteroom. Was it the king, or at least his messenger with a note from him?

But, no; it was her brother, with the haggard eyes and drawn face of a man who is weighed down with his own evil tidings. He turned as he entered, fastened the door and then, striding across the room, locked the other one which led to her boudoir.

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CUBA NOT READY FOR HER LIBERTY

Opinion of Conservative Citizens of Island

Probable Change May Come Over Attitude of Our Government Toward Her.

FEAR REPRISALS OF LIBERALS

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 17.—There seems to be a general impression here that a change has come in the policy at Washington regarding the government of Cuba. American officials in charge of important departments say that word has been received to this effect and that the provisional government will continue much longer than was planned. Nothing more definite will be disclosed, except that the change has been wrought by the representations of the tobacco sugar, fruit, railway and other great interests that it will not be safe to allow the Cubans to try unrestrictedly to govern themselves for a long time to come.

There is no question that this is the way those interests feel about it from one end of the island to the other. It is also patent that a very large and influential portion of the population, in fact, all Cubans who have property to lose, do not want another republic. This feeling is not confined to deposed moderates, but is entertained by the great conservative native element that has never taken any interest in politics. It seems to be aroused now—not openly, for it fears reprisals if left unprotected to another independent island government—to the hope that it can by letters to public men in the states make them see the Cuban situation as its representative thinking men see it.

Notwithstanding the president's message the good faith of which no one for an instant suspects, they insist that it will be years before Cuba again has self-government, and that she may be the wish of her serious, more intelligent people of substance, never desire it uncured. The unanimous opinion of such people is that if there is to be a change of policy in this direction by the United States, its declaration should come quickly, that confidence in the island's future may be restored and its development proceed.

The liberals are strongly demanding early elections. They insist on their being held in June. General Loinaz del Castillo proposes May 20 and the inauguration of the new republic on July 4. Governor Magdon is said to have smiled at the suggestion and remarked, to Castillo's great encouragement, "Bright idea." The Telegraph, in commenting on the matter today, says:

"There is ample cause to apprehend that other revolutionaries with as nice a taste in dates as General Castillo would treat the country to a revolution on Christmas day, and another intervention on New Year's, in the unlikely event that peace could be kept that long." This expresses the belief of every one in Cuba whose judgment is considered worth having.

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PANAMA MESSAGE SUBMITTED TODAY

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class of laborers lack the mental development to protect themselves against either the rascality of others or their own folly, and it is not possible for human wisdom to devise a plan by which they can invariably be protected. In a place which has been for ages a by-word for unhealthfulness, and with so large a congregation of strangers suddenly put down and set to hard work there will now and then be outbreaks of disease. There will now and then be shortcomings in administration; there will be overlooks to accidents to delay the excavation of the cut or the building of the dams and locks. Each such incident will be entirely natural, and even the serious, no one of them will mean more than a little extra delay or trouble. Yet each, when discovered by sensation mongers and retailed to timid folk of little faith, will serve as an excuse for the belief that the whole work is being badly managed.

I have investigated every complaint brought to me for which there seemed to be any shadow of foundation. In two or three cases, all of which I have indicated in the course of this message, I came to the conclusion that there was foundation for the complaint, and that the methods of the commission in the respect complained of could be bettered. In the other instances the complaints proved absolutely baseless, save in two or three instances where they referred to mistakes which the commission had already found out and corrected.

Plan to Build by Contract.

After most careful consideration we have decided to let out most of the work by contract, if we can come to satisfactory terms with the contractors. The whole work is of a kind suited to the peculiar genius of our people; and our people have developed the type of contractor best fitted to grapple with it. It is, of course, much better to do the work in large part by contract than to do it all by the government, provided it is possible on the one hand to secure to the contractor a sufficient remuneration to make it worth while for responsible contractors of the best kind to undertake the work; and provided on the other hand it can be done on terms which will not give an excessive profit to the contractor at the expense of the government. After much consideration the plan already promulgated by the secretary of war was adopted. This plan in its essential features was drafted, after careful and thorough study and consideration, by the chief engineer, Mr. Stevens, who, while in the employment of Mr. Hill, the president of the Great Northern railroad, had personal experience of this very type of contract. Mr. Stevens then submitted the plan to the chairman of the commission, Mr. Shonts, who went carefully over it with Mr. Rogers, the legal adviser of the commission, to see that all legal difficulties were met. He then submitted copies of the plan to both Secretary Taft and myself. Secretary Taft submitted it to some of the best counsel at the New York bar, and afterwards I went over it very carefully with Mr. Taft and Mr. Shonts, and we laid the plan in its general features before Mr. Root. My conclusion is that it combines the maximum of advantage with the minimum of disadvantage. Under it a premium will be put upon the speedy and economical construction of the canal, and a penalty imposed on delay and waste. The plan as promulgated is tentative; doubtless it will have to be changed in some respects before we can come to a satisfactory agreement with responsible contractors—perhaps even after the bids have been received; and of course it is possible that we can not come to an agreement, in which case the government will do the work itself. Meanwhile the work on the isthmus is progressing steadily and without any let-up.

A Single Commissioner Desired.

A seven-headed commission is of course a clumsy executive instrument. We should have but one commissioner, with such heads of departments and other officers under him as we may find necessary. We should be expressly permitted to employ the best engineers in the country as consulting engineers. I am informed that representatives of the commercial clubs of four cities—Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis—the membership of which includes most of the leading business men of those cities, expect to visit the isthmus for the purpose of examining the work of construction of the canal. I am glad to hear it, and I shall direct that every facility be given them to see all that is to be seen in the work which the government is doing. Such interest as a visit like this would indicate will have a good effect upon the men who are doing the work, on one hand, while on the other hand it will offer as witnesses of the exact conditions men whose experience as business men and whose impartiality will make the result of their observations of value to the country as a whole.

Of the success of the enterprise I am as well convinced as one can be of any enterprise that is human.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
The White House, Dec. 17, 1906.

—Before you buy mixed nuts, raisins or candies elsewhere, see Jim Vlahos, 304 Broadway. Best quality, lowest prices.

HIGH WATER MARK OF HOLIDAY TRADE

Reached Saturday By Paducah Retail Stores

Illinois Central Pay Car Throws Much Loose Change Into Broadway—Heavy Travel.

POST OFFICE ENJOYS A RUSH

Saturday night was the liveliest of the year for Paducah merchants in business, and thousands of dollars were taken in. The trade was general, and was swelled not only because the holidays are fast approaching, but because it was the monthly payday for the Illinois Central. The stores kept open until 10 o'clock every night.

The pay car came Saturday and remained open on Sunday from 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. Those who failed to reach it Saturday were enabled to get their money yesterday, and will have another opportunity this week. The car paid today from East Cairo to Water Valley, Ky., and tomorrow will be here to pay from Paducah to Louisville.

Travel Increased.

Extra equipment has been sent here by the Illinois Central to handle the big holiday travel. The passenger traffic steadily increases with the coming of Christmas, and Saturday shoppers patronized the road extensively, Paducah securing a great deal of trade from surrounding towns.

The railroads are enjoying an extra freight business and all crews are used, few railroad men desiring to work being laid off.

Rush at Post Office.

Because of an increase in mail matter an extra window has been opened in the post office, the first time in the history of the city. Mr. Fred B. Ashton, superintendent of the carriers is in charge. It is the old window used formerly for selling stamps and is being kept open for the purpose of weighing packages and selling stamps.

Traders are working overtime making presents for their friends and at the Illinois Central shops machinists, pattern makers and other specialties are busily engaged during spare moments making oddities. "T" squares are being turned out and miniature hammers made for watch charms.

Deadly Serpent Bites.

Are as common in India as are stomach and liver disorders with us. For the latter however there is a sure remedy: Electric Bitters; the great restorative medicine, of which S. A. Brown, of Bennettville, S. C., says: "They restored my wife to perfect health, after years of suffering with dyspepsia and a chronically torpid liver." Electric Bitters cure chills and fever, malaria, biliousness, lame back, kidney troubles and bladder disorders. Sold on guarantee by all druggists. Price 50c.

No Passes for Transportation.

The interstate commerce commission stands pat on its interpretation of the railroad rate law that newspapers cannot exchange advertising for transportation. A committee representing the National Editorial association held a hearing before the commission in which the subject was fully and freely discussed. The association holds that the ruling of the commission abrogates the right of contract, and that a newspaper and a railroad have a perfect right to enter into a legitimate exchange arrangement.

An Alarming Situation

Frequently results from neglect of clogged bowels and torpid liver, until constipation becomes chronic. This condition is unknown to those who use Dr. King's New Life Pills; the best and gentlest regulators of Stomach and Bowels. Guaranteed by all druggists. Price 25c.

WHAT'S

Worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism, use Ballard's Snow Liniment and you will be "well cured." A positive cure for Sprains, Neuralgia, Bruises, Contracted Muscles and all the ills that flesh is heir to. A. G. M. Williams, Navasota, Texas, writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment for sprained ankle and it gave the best of satisfaction. I always keep it in the house."

Sold by all druggists.

The Texas Wonder

Cures all kidney, bladder and rheumatic troubles; sold by J. H. Oehl-schlaeger, 601 Broadway, Dr. E. W. Hall, office 2926 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo.

THAT'S IT

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for Coughs, Influenza, Bronchitis and all Pulmonary diseases. One bottle will convince you. At your druggist, 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by all druggists.

—Score cards for the game Five Hundred for sale at The Sun office at 25c.

Woman's Trials.

The bitter trail in a woman's life is to be childless. Who can tell how hard the struggle may have been on the heart to resign herself to her lonely lot? The absence of this link to bind marital life together, the absence of this one pledge to mutual affection is a common disappointment. Many unfortunate couples become estranged thereby. Even if they do not drift apart, one may read the whole extent of their disappointment in the eyes of such a childless couple when they rest on the children of others. To them the largest family does not seem too numerous. In many cases of barrenness or childlessness the obstacle to child-bearing is easily removed by the cure of weakness on the part of the woman. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been the means of restoring health and fruitfulness to many a barren woman, to the great joy of the household. In other, but rare cases, the obstruction to the bearing of children has been found to be of a surgical character, but easily removable by painless operative treatment at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., over which Dr. Pierce of the "Favorite Prescription" fame presides. In all cases where children are desired and are absent, an effort should be made to find out the real cause, since it is generally so easily removed by proper treatment.

In all the various weaknesses, displacements, prolapsus, inflammation and debilitating, catarrhs, drains and in all cases of nervousness and debility, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the most efficient remedy that can possibly be used. It has to its credit hundreds of thousands of cures—more in fact than any other remedy put up for sale through druggists, especially for women's use. The ingredients are printed in plain English on the wrapper enclosing the bottle, so that any woman making use of this famous medicine may know exactly what she is taking. Dr. Pierce takes his patients into his full confidence, which he can afford to do as the formula after which the "Favorite Prescription" is made will bear the most careful examination. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the best and safest laxative for women.

XMAS IS NEAR



Pictures Make the Finest Presents

The above large frame, with your own picture or that of your baby, is given FREE at

JAS. SOLER

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111 1/2 South Third Street.
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Christmas and New Year Holiday Rates.

The Illinois Central R. R. Co. will sell tickets to all points on their line and to all points south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, and east of the Mississippi river, also to various points in the west, northwest and southwest. Rate one and one-third fare plus 25 cents. Dates of sale December 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, 1906 and January 1st, 1907, final limit 7th, 1907. For further particulars apply to

J. T. DONOVAN,
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R. M. PRATHER,
T. A. Union Depot.



W. R. McPherson, Druggist.



OGILVIE'S

HEADQUARTERS

For

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS



OGILVIE'S store is ready for the greatest holiday business in its history. We have done our best to make this store worthy of its good name, by securing the best, most useful and acceptable things in the market for Xmas shoppers. We have secured plenty of salespeople, who are ready to answer any question, offer suggestions and to help you in any way possible. Read every word of this page; its filled with valuable suggestions from top to bottom.

KINDLY shop early in the day, and if convenient take small parcels with you. It will save annoyance.

Furs

First Among the Preferred Christmas Things Are Furs, and We Have Them.

Fur sets for children \$1.50 to \$5.00
Ladies' Fur Scarfs, for ladies and children.
This stock will interest you if you are looking for anything in the Fur line.

Purses, Combs, Hand Bags, Etc.

Purses and Hand Bags in Brown and Black (real leather) from \$1.00 to \$10.00
Anthony Bag, Brown and Black 50c to \$2.00
Children's Purses at 25c
Children's Beaded Purses 25c

Combs in Sets or Single

Fancy or plain, in sets or single, from 25c to \$2.00
Belt Buckles in Pearl, Gun Metal and Gilt 75c to \$1.00

Umbrellas

This department stands second to none. Having bought and selected from the leading manufactories they are just a little better than elsewhere.

Ladies' Gold and Pearl handles \$5.00 to \$12.00
Ladies' Silver and Pearl handles \$2.25 to \$10.00
Ladies colored and black Silk with Cherry handles \$1.50 to \$5
Dull black handles \$1.50 to \$4.00
Gents' Umbrellas in Silk, silver trimmed \$1.50 to \$5.00
Gents' Umbrellas in gloria 98c
Other Umbrellas for men, women and children .. 35c to \$1.25

Toys and Dolls

This department is called Toy and Fairyland, because it has the appearance of such.

Nowhere in Paducah can you find such an assortment of toys and dolls as we have.

"Dolls with natural hair," "Dolls that walk and sit," prices..... 25c to \$8.00

Toys electric and steam; toys that will entertain any age .. 25c to \$12.00

Bring the little ones to Toyland.

Handkerchiefs

Handkerchief, the busiest spot in the store at Christmas. You know why. Our reputation is far and near. We break all records selling handkerchiefs "cause" we give the best for less money.

Note Our Prices in Boxes

Children's handkerchiefs, in fancy boxes (3 to a box) per box.....15c
Children's initial handkerchiefs, in fancy boxes (3 to a box) per box.....20c
Ladies' hemstitched and embroidered handkerchiefs (1 to a box) per box10c
Ladies' hemstitched and embroidered linen handkerchiefs with neat designs (6 to a box) per box\$1.45
Ladies' hemstitched embroidered linen handkerchiefs, very fine and dainty (6 to a box) per box\$2.85
We have a full line of men's handkerchiefs. Look in "gifts for men."
We have ladies' embroidered handkerchiefs with the new cross-bar effect at20c
In this department you will find the largest assortment in Paducah.
Embroidered handkerchiefs (exclusive designs) as high as\$1.75
An all-linen 1-4 inch handkerchief, good 12 1-2c value10c
An all-linen 1-4 inch handkerchief, good 20c value15c
Duchess lace handkerchiefs, hand-made,75c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75
Ladies' hemstitched and embroidered all-linen mourning handkerchiefs25 and 50c
Scalloped edge mourning handkerchief, exclusive designs50c
Handkerchiefs of any kind and price.

Art Goods

Many new and attractive things have been added for the holidays. To appreciate these goods you will have to see them. We make mention of

Linen Scarfs, Table Covers, Center Pieces.
All-linen Damask Scarfs, Hand-Embroidered Pieces, Lunch Cloths, Tray Covers, Applique Scarfs.
Drawn Work in many designs.
This department will save you many worries.

Aprons

Fancy white aprons with bibs25c and 50c
Fancy white Swiss aprons50c
Nurses' plain aprons50c

Fancy Articles for Gifts

Tourist toilet cases in silk or canvas (new)50c to \$1.50
Quilts in fancy Xmas boxes\$2.00 to \$5.00
Hose supporters in fancy boxes50c, 75c and \$1
Ladies garters in fancy boxes25c to \$1.50
Rushing in fancy boxes (6 different pieces) per box25c
"Bootees" for the baby10c, 15c 25c
White and black leggings for the baby50c
Laundry bags25c Up
Chiffon Scarfs98, \$1.08, \$2.40, \$3.40, \$4.00
Toilet water in boxes—fine extracts in boxes.
Fancy stationery in fancy boxes25c up
Silver articles, such as Nail Files, Darners, Blotters, Curlers, etc.....25c up
Pillow Tops, Pictures, etc.

Gloves

Give your friends gloves if you don't know the size we will change and fit them after the holidays.

This department is complete both in sizes and shapes.

A few of the many:

16 button glove, white, brown, black\$2.75, \$3.00
12 button black or white\$1.25
Brown plique\$1.00, \$1.50
Black Suede Gloves\$1.75, \$2.00
Short gloves in any color or any price.

MAIL orders have prompt attention. Out-of-town people make Ogilvie's your headquarters.

Hosiery

Another Busy Department in the Busy Store

Ladies' Silk Hose, light shades\$2.00 and \$1.25
Ladies' White Silk Hose85c to \$3.00
Ladies' Black Silk Hose at \$2.75, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00.
Hosiery makes an ideal gift. Remember we give a pretty, fancy, box with hosiery.
We have a full line of fancy and plain hosiery for the whole family.

Linen Table Sets

An Ideal Gift

Hemstitched Linen Table sets\$12.50 to \$15.00
Linen Table Sets 8x10\$9.00
Linen Table Sets 8x12\$10.00
Linen Table Linen\$8.50
Hemstitched Linen Napkins, per dozen\$2.00 to \$6.00
Hemmed Napkins as low as per dozen50c
Match Sets\$4.00 to \$8.00
Match Sets (Round)\$8.50 to \$10.50

Towels

Hemstitched Damask Towels25c to \$1.00
Fringed Damask Towels15c to 50c
Bath Towels10c to \$1.00

Gents' Furnishings

In this department you can find just what your gentlemen friends want. Here are a few suggestions:

Here are a few suggestions in Neckwear—

Ties, all styles,25c to 50c.
Mufflers25c to \$1.50
Fancy Half Hose15c to 50c.
Black Silk finish Half Hose50c.
Gents' all Linen Handkerchiefs10c.
Gents' all Linen Initial Handkerchiefs (6 in a box) box \$1.45
Gents' all Linen Handkerchiefs .. 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00
Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs25 and 50c.

Gloves, Wool and Kid

Gents' Wool Gloves25 and 50c.
Gents' Kid Gloves75c, \$1.00, \$1.50
Boys' Wool Gloves25 and 50c.

Shirts

Plain or plicated, colored or white50c and \$1.00

Jewelry

Scarf Pins25 and 50c.
Cuff Buttons25 and 50c.
Watch Fobs25 and 50c.
Another department where we give the best for less.